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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Davis D. Hwu  
Group : 3752  
Applicants : Scott Franson et al.  
Serial No. : 09/854,997  
Filed : May 14, 2001  
For : COMPACT PENDANT SPRINKLER HEAD  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003, having a three-month period of response ending November 12, 2003, Applicants submit herewith a Petition and Fee for a One-Month Extension of Time and amend their application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 4. Please amend Claim 1, 3, 5, and 6 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A sprinkler head for a fire extinguishing system comprising:
- a sprinkler body having an orifice, said orifice defining an inlet and an outlet;
  - a body extension attached to said sprinkler body and having an extending section extending below said outlet of said sprinkler body;
  - a retaining member positioned below said outlet and within said body extension, said retaining member mounted to be movable relative to said body extension and said sprinkler body, said extending section of said body extension being formed with an inwardly extending member, said inwardly extending member halting movement of said retaining member when said sprinkler is activated;
  - a deflector movable between an activated position and a storage position within said body extension and having at least one support arm projecting therefrom, said retaining member coupled to said at least one support arm at a fixed distance from said deflector, said support arm movably disposed within said body extension, wherein said deflector and said retaining member are positioned within said body extension when in said storage position;

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